



Keene Elm City Rotary – “UnSung Hero” Scholarship Fund

1. Return forms and endorsement by mail to:

Keene Elm City Rotary Scholarship Committee
Keene Elm City Rotary Club
P.O Box 1786
Keene, NH 03431

2. Forms and endorsement must be **postmarked by March 31st**. Forms postmarked after this date will not be considered.
3. Forms can also be emailed to elmcityrotary@gmail.com by **March 31st**. Please indicate “**KECR Scholarship**” in the subject line.
4. We are interested in the details of your accomplishments and what you have learned from your experiences.
5. We consider the Endorsers' recommendations as a critical element when reviewing your application. Please emphasize this to Endorsers and do not use family members for this role.
6. All applicants for the UnSung Hero Scholarship will also be considered for the Ken Jue Scholarship. An exceptional candidate has the potential to be awarded both scholarships.

The Ken Jue Scholarship recognizes an individual who meets the description of an UnSung Hero and has personal experience in or plans to study or work in the areas of mental health, physical health, social work, or advocacy for the inclusion of marginalized persons. Only one individual may be awarded the Ken Jue Scholarship each year. The award decision will be based on the information given in the narrative portions of this application.

The Ken Jue Scholarship was created in 2022 after the death of long-time Keene Elm City Rotary member Ken Jue. Jue was active in non-profits throughout the Monadnock Region and beyond, especially in mental health advocacy, fitness, and social work.

If you are a dependent, please have your parent or guardian complete the FINANCIAL INFORMATION section of this form using information from their most recent U.S. Income Tax Return. You are a dependent if you are under 24 years of age and still reside with a parent or guardian.

If you are independent, information about you and your spouse (if applicable) must be included. Figures should be taken from your most recent U.S. Income Tax Return. You are independent if you are 24 years of age or older.

If you are under 24, you may claim independent status only if you:

- Have served in the military
- Are a ward of the court
- Are married and living away from your parents
- Have not been claimed by your parents on their U.S. Income Tax Return for two (2) consecutive years and have earned at least \$4,000 in each of those two years.

If you have unusual financial circumstances that are not covered by this form, please explain using additional pages as necessary.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do not attach Tax Return

Adjusted gross income of all house members: \$

Extraordinary expenses not covered by insurance (please describe): \$

Income earned from work:

By you: \$

Your spouse (if applicable): \$

Guardian or parent (if applicable): \$

Cash, savings, CD's, etc.: \$

Total number of household members:

Untaxed income and benefits

(Child Support, AFDC, ADC, SSI): \$

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your current marital status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Total number of family members who will be attending college during the next academic year:

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give documentation for the information given on this form, if requested. I realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. Income Tax Return.

Signature:

Date:



NAME OF APPLICANT

KEENE ELM CITY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship fund is designed to recognize the unsung heroes of our region: those who embody the Rotary ideal or “service above self.” The successful candidate will have engaged in significant service to his/her community, school, religious organization, or to his/her struggling family. This service may have come at some cost to his/her academic or extracurricular career; in fact, it may have replaced that career.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any Monadnock Region resident between the age of 16-106 who:

- Has been accepted to an accredited institution of further learning or training, and
- Needs financial support to enroll in that institution.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN AWARD?

The most important part of applying is to select **three (3)** people who have seen your community service and who will agree to fill out and return the Applicant Endorsement section of your application. The fully completed application along with your **three (3)** endorsements is due no later than March 31st.

Please send the completed application and endorsements to: **Keene Elm City Rotary Scholarship Committee, Keene Elm City Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1786, Keene, NH 03431.**

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO AN AWARD RECIPIENT?

In addition to the monetary award, the Keene Elm City Rotary Club stands ready to offer mentoring, networking, and any other assistance that will help the recipient in successfully completing the chosen course of study.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name:

first

middle initial

last

Address:

city

state

zip code

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Email:

Birth Date:

What is the highest level of education you've completed?

List the name of this school and graduation date if completed.

High School:

school name, state

Graduation Date:

Other Training/Education:

school name, state

Completion date:

School for which
aid is requested:

school name, state

Expected Graduation:

CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE

Intended School is: vocational/tech school 2-yr college 4-yr college other

Next year, I will be in my: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th year of schooling

I will be enrolled: full-time half-time or more (6+ credits) less than half-time

Field of Study:

Activities (attach additional sheet if necessary):

List all community and school activities in which you have participated. Include community service projects, student government, volunteer, sports, etc. The Keene Elm City Rotary Scholarship Committee has a preference for students who have been active in community service or have undertaken family obligations which may have interrupted prior education plans.

Activity

Dates

Special Honors

to

to

to

to

to

Work Experience or enclose a current resumé

Employer	Dates	Position Held
	to	
	to	
	to	
	to	
	to	

Describe your educational and career goals.

Why are you seeking this scholarship at this time?

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the financial information will be considered confidential, for review by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and members of the Keene Elm City Rotary Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Signature:

Date:

**Keene Elm City Rotary Club
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STUDENT'S NAME:

TO THE CANDIDATE:

Please deliver or send this form to an individual who knows you and your work. Examples of someone you might ask to complete an endorsement include teachers, faculty members, employers, guidance counselors, religious or community leaders, or others who know your strengths.

TO THE ENDORSER:

The Keene Elm City Rotary Scholarship Committee is interested in your honest assessment of this candidate. It is important to the Committee to learn both this candidate's particular strengths as well as areas that may need improvement. Please be as specific as possible.

Your appraisal should be placed in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal to ensure confidentiality. Please DO NOT MAIL TO THE COMMITTEE. Return your appraisal to the candidate for inclusion with his or her other application materials.

Following is an overview of the type of individual we would like to reward. Please review this information and complete the back of this form. Use extra pages if necessary. Thank you for your assistance.

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ENDORSEMENT

The applicant's choice of continuing education or training is:

The applicant's commitment to community, school, and/or family includes:

The applicant's respect for self and others is demonstrated by:

Why is this applicant and outstanding candidate for the scholarship?

Endorser's Signature

Name/Title (printed)

Daytime Phone #

Date



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Family Financial Information.....
- Personal Information.....
- School Information.....
- Activities and Special Honors.....
- Work History.....
- Three Recommendation Letters.....